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REMARKS:

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 22, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-19 and 21-71 remain pending in the application upon entry of this response. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-19 and 21-62 stand rejected. Claims 1-2, 7-9, 14-15, 17, 21-23, 25-26, 28-29, 31-32, 35-38, 42, 44-46, 50-52, 55, 57-59 and 61 have been amended to clarify claimed aspects of the invention. Claims 63-71 have been added. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

In the specification, paragraphs 20-21, 35, 38 and the Abstract have been amended to correct minor grammatical errors. These amendments do not constitute new matter.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12, 14-15, 17-18, 21-42, 44-47 and 50-62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated over Kitamura, JP 2000-082580A, herein, "*Kitamura*." Applicant notes that *Kitamura* is only available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as of its publication date, March 21, 2000. Applicant is submitting a declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 in a separate paper. As shown in the declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, possession of the invention as presently claimed by Applicant occurred prior to the publication date of *Kitamura*, and therefore, *Kitamura* cannot be relied upon by Examiner as prior art. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12, 14-15, 17-18, 21-42, 44-47 and 50-62 in view of *Kitamura*.


Claims 6, 13, 16, 19, 42 and 48-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kitamura* in view of Ueki, JP 10314092A, herein, "*Ueki*." As shown in the declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, possession of the invention as presently claimed by Applicant occurred prior to the publication date of *Kitamura*, and therefore, *Kitamura* cannot be relied upon by Examiner as prior art. Applicant further submits that claims 6, 13, 16, 19, 42 and 48-49 are patentable over *Ueki* alone. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6, 13, 16, 19, 42 and 48-49 over *Kitamura* in view of *Ueki*.

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In conclusion, the relied upon references cited by Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show or suggest claimed aspects of the invention. Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

If Examiner would like to discuss this response further, please feel free to call Applicant by telephone at 617.233.4415.

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